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" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது விசாரணைக்கு விடுவதற்குக்கூட அவருக்குப்பொறுமை இல்லை. இதை விசாரணைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்குக்கூட அவர் தயாராக இல்லை. கம்யூனிஸ்ட் கட்சி ஆட்சியில் நாம் இப்பொழுது இல்லை என்றும் ஜனநாயக கட்சி ஆட்சியில் நாம் இருக்கிறோம் என்றும் அவர் பெருமையாகச் சொல்லுகிறார். இப்பொழுது நடக்கும் நடவடிக்கைகள் ஜனநாயக முறையிலா நடக்கிறது? சட்ட விரோதமாக இப்பொழுது சித்ரவதை செய்கிறார்கள். அதை கவனிக்க வேண்டுமென்பதற்குத்தான் இங்கு இதைச் கொண்டு வரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதை விசாரிப்பதற்குக் கூட பொறுமை இல்லை என்பதையும் அதைக் கேட்கக் கூட பொறுமை இல்லை என்பதையும் உங்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Apart from it, the usual parliamentary practice is this. When the Government refuse such allegations, it is taken for granted that such incidents have not happened. Further, there is a remedy in a Court of Law. So, I rule the motion out of order.''

(2) RELIEF TO PEOPLE OF VILLAGES SUBMERGED BY THE MALAMPUZHA RESERVOIR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Sri M. Narayana Kurup has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

' Resolved that the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the failure of the Government to provide adequate relief and rehabilitation to the people affected by the filling up of the Malampuzha Reservoir.'

" I think this matter has been there for a long time. I wish to know how it is a matter of urgent public importance.''

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Malampuzha Reservoir scheme has been there for a long time. But the subject-matter of this adjournment motion is a very recent and in fact a continuing occurrence.''

MR. SPEAKER :—" Simply because it is continuing, it does not mean that it is a matter of urgent public importance.''

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In July, the Government closed the shutters and the water in the reservoir began to rise. As a result of this, many persons including about 300 Adivasis have been rendered homeless. The Government knowing that they were going to fill up the reservoir up to 350 feet, above sea level leased out the lands on a premium of Rs. 70 per acre and the tenants have spent all their earnings and borrowings and have raised crops on these lands. All these things have been submerged under water. Sir, it was brought to the notice of the Government as early as 1952 **12-20 p.m.** that such things would happen and in 1954 they said . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—" From the hon. Member's speech itself, I understand that the matter has been there from 1952 . . ."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In 1954, they said that they would provide remedies by assigning to these people small bits of land or otherwise. They have not assigned any lands, but they seek to meet the situation by other means, that is, by making these people destitute. Therefore, it is a criminal negligence on the part of the Government. Facts were brought to their notice quite early and they promised to attend to it promptly, but they have not done so, as a result of which the people have been recently affected and, therefore, it is a very urgent matter; the people have no other remedy, as going to court or otherwise."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know what the Hon. Minister has got to say."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, this matter is neither urgent nor of recent occurrence. So far as the displaced persons are concerned, they have been given compensation and they have built their own houses. With regard to the land, steps have been taken to rehabilitate them. It is a matter of continuing nature. All things cannot be done all at once. Whatever that is necessary is being done. Every step is being taken to rehabilitate them. There is no difficulty in this matter."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know what the Hon. Minister himself who has given notice of this motion, I learn that it is not of recent occurrence. It has been there for a long time. It is not also a matter of public importance. I, therefore, rule the motion out of order."

(3) MERGER OF THE TAMIL-SPEAKING AREAS OF TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE WITH MADRAS STATE.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The next one is the motion given notice of by the hon. Member Sri P. Jeevanandam. It reads as follows :—

'This House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the State Government to make representations to the Government of the Indian Union to make a declaration assuring that the undisputed Tamil-speaking areas of the Travancore-Cochin State will be merged with the Madras State.'

I do not know how this is a matter of an urgent nature. Further how can this State Government make a statement about the affair of another State? I will give time to the hon. Member to say a few words to convince me as to how the motion is admissible under the rules of this House."

Sri P. JEEVANANDAM :—" கனம் அவைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, இது இந்த சபை கவனிக்க வேண்டிய முக்கியமான பிரச்னை. அதற்குக் காரணம் பின் வருமாறு :—

" சரித்திர காலம் தொட்டு தமிழர்களும் மலையாளிகளும் சகோதரர்களாக வாழ்ந்து வந்தார்கள். இது எல்லோருக்கும் தெரியும். திருவாங்கூர் கொச்சி ராஜ்யம் சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு அடுத்தது. அங்கு தமிழர்களும் மலையாளிகளும் வாழ்ந்து வருகிறார்கள். அங்கு மக்களின் நிலைமை நன்மையாக நீடிக்க வேண்டும் என்றால், இந்த இரண்டு ராஜ்யங்களும் ராஜ்ய மக்களும் பலமாக இருக்க வேண்டும்